

BREVITIES OF FUN.

A man isn't sick enough to be in the distinction class unless he is taking so many kinds of medicine that the doctor had to prepare a time table.—*Atchison Globe.*

"Surely you are not afraid of the dark?" "No," said the small boy; "but I'm a little scared of the things that might be in it that I can't see."—*Washington Star.*

Kitty—"My dressmaker says it is such a pleasure to fit a gown to me." Faith—"Considers it a sort of artistic triumph, I suppose? The true artist delights in difficulties."—*Boston Transcript.*

First Farmer—"You ought to allow I summat off the price of that horse you sold last week. Why, 'e've bin an' took an' died!" Second Farmer—"Well, that's funny, now; I never cut any of them capers when I 'ad 'im."—*Punch.*

Commonplace—"Some people seem to think he's a genius." "Oh! he can't be. He's too methodical." "Is he, really?" "Very. Somebody gave him a silver matchsafe over a month ago and he still keeps his matches in it."—*Philadelphia Press.*

The Irrepressible—"Will you have another dish of ice cream?" asked the mother of Johnnie, whose place was across from the invited guest the mother was entertaining that day. "Well, yes, I believe I will," said Johnnie; then he added, "bein's we don't have it more'n wunst a year."—*Ohio State Journal.*

"Been to town?" "Yes," answered Farmer Cornstossel. "How's business?" "I dunno yet. Haven't had time to figger. I bought a gold brick." "There's no profit in that." "I ain't so sure about that. The fellow I got it of was so kind o' hasty an' nervous that I jes' handed him a bunch of confederate money."—*Washington Star.*

HOW DEMOSTHENES WON OUT.

Simply Found Out What He Could Do and Then Did It.

De-mos-the-nes was a young A-the-ni-an who was am-bi-tious to win fame as an el-o-cu-tion-ist. Un-fort-u-nately, how-ever, he suf-fered from an im-ped-i-ment in his speech and was al-so ex-tremely bash-ful. Noth-ing daunt-ed by these seem-ing-ly in-sur-moun-ta-ble ob-sta-cles, he em-ployed the best teach-ers and stud-ied dili-gent-ly to per-fect him-self in his cho-sen pro-fes-sion.

Now, in those days medi-cal sci-ence was not so far ad-van-ced as it is at the pres-ent time, and the se-cret of cur-ing stam-mer-ing in twen-ty les-sons by mail was as yet un-known. Con-se-quent-ly De-mos-the-nes made very lit-tle prog-ress.

Seeing that the fates were a-gainst him, our he-re cast a-bout for some means to cir-cum-vent the ma-lig-nant deities. At last a bright i-de-a struck him, but he said noth-ing a-bout it un-till the an-nu-al or-a-to-ri-al con-fest was a-bout to be-gin. Then he an-noun-ced his friends by an-noun-cing him-self as a com-pet-i-tor for the gold med-al. Ev-er-y one pre-dict-ed that he would be left at the post, but De-mos-the-nes kept quiet and took all bets that were of-fered. He was a C-ty to one shot, and there was all kinds of mon-ey in it if he could win.

When the e-vent-ful even-ing ar-rived it was found that De-mos-the-nes was down on the pro-gram-me for an im-i-ta-tion of a bash-ful young man who stut-tered, re-cit-ing, "Curfew Shall Not Ring To-Night." It is need-less to say that he took the house by storm and won the med-al in a walk. Af-ter that his fame was as-sured, and he was of-fered an en-gage-ment with a vau-de-ville syn-di-cate at a prin-ce-ly sal-ary. He nev-er dis-played any great de-gree of ver-sa-ti-lity—in fact, the only thing he could do was to im-i-tate a bash-ful young man who stut-tered, but there was no de-ny-ing that he did that to the queen's taste.

The best way to suc-ceed in life is to find out your best stut and then work it for all it is worth.—*Isaac Anderson, in N. Y. Herald.*

Heir to the Presidency.

The first social incident of President McKinley's first administration was his granting Vice President Hobart precedence over the ambassadors. Lord Pauncefote is known to have reported this innovation to his foreign office, which is said to have thereupon inquired into the custom of other countries. It was eventually agreed that Mr. Hobart should be regarded as the heir to the presidency and therefore on the same social footing with the crown princes of European monarchies, whose social rank is second only to that of the heads of state, their royal parents.—*Ladies' Home Journal.*

QUALITIES OF A GOOD CIGAR.

Problems a Tobacco Grower Has to Meet.

Color, style of burning and texture are the three things which the grower of tobacco for cigars has chiefly to consider.

At present a light cinnamon-brown shade, which must be uniform, not mottled, is popular. The leaf, when rolled on a cigar and smoked, must leave a light or white ash, which does not flake off and fall over one's waistcoat, and it must not "coal"—i. e., have a black, charred ring just behind the ash on the burning cigar. This is sure to give a bad flavor and aroma.

The leaf must burn freely, and, when lighted, hold firm for a reasonable time. It must have a soft, silvery texture, glossy surface and the elasticity of kid, so that it may be drawn smoothly and closely about the cigar.

Perfect burn, color and texture can be got in northern-grown tobaccos, but a delicate and agreeable flavor has not yet been obtained. Flavor is conditional upon soil and fertilizers.

To obtain these qualities of leaf is the problem of the tobacco grower—a much more complicated one than meets the ordinary farmer.—*London Tit-Bits.*

CAN YOU READ?

People Skim Too Much and Understand Too Little.

Not long ago I heard a man declare that in spite of public schools and all the opportunities for education, the majority of the people cannot read.

Of course, his assertion was met with all sorts of protestations; and then he explained that they did not read understandingly, nor did they select their reading with care and discretion; they read simply to be amused and entertained, and failed to make the reading a part of their education. He claimed that this was especially true of women; that when they read the newspaper they skimmed the portions devoted to light gossip, and passed by the questions of the hour, which were of importance, and never thought of reading editorials and reviews. This was too sweeping a statement to be passed by without further investigation, the result of which has been to force the conclusion that in the main it had a basis of truth, but that under the influence of women's clubs and current topics classes the "situation," to use a military expression, is improving, and that women are reading more systematically and more intelligently.—*Sallie Joy White, in Woman's Home Companion.*

THE ATMOSPHERE.

Various Scientific Estimates of Its Average Depth.

The Belgian royal meteorological observatory has published the estimates made by various mathematicians and physicists regarding the depth of the atmosphere surrounding the earth. The calculations of the various savants upon this subject are widely divergent. Blot estimated that the depth was only about 40 miles; Bravais, 70 miles; Mann, 81 miles; Callandrau, 100 miles; Schlapparelli, 125 miles; Marie Davy, 187 miles, while Ritter stated that it reached a height of 216 miles. In Great Britain, during the early part of the last century, the depth of the atmosphere was generally accepted as being 47 miles, but the fact that meteors became incandescent at a much greater altitude incontrovertibly proved that this calculation was fallacious. Sir Robert Ball states that meteors have been observed at a celsitude of more than 200 miles, and since they only become incandescent when they come into contact with the air, the calculation of Ritter seems to be the most correct.—*Public Opinion.*

Whistler and the Mist Hat.

"The most picturesque figure in American art to-day is James Abbott McNeill Whistler," writes Lillian Baynes Griffin, in the *Ladies' Home Journal*. "He lives in England, and no end of stories concerning his eccentricities circulate there. "While he was trying on a hat in a London shop one day a customer rushed in and, mistaking him for a clerk, exclaimed: 'I say, this 'at does not fit.' "The artist eyed him for a minute, and then replied scornfully: 'Neither does your coat, and I'll be hanged if I like the color of your trousers.'"

Old Bill, Young Williams.

There is a terrible lot of old men in town known as Bill, and babies of two years known as William.—*Atchison Globe.*

COUNTY NEWS

HIGGINSVILLE HAPPENINGS.

Philip Beamer is in McCune, Kansas. F. L. Beach was in Kansas City Sunday.

Tom Fowler was in Kansas City Sunday.

Sid Wilson of Corder was here Wednesday.

Henry Herson of Dover was in town Monday.

L. Barley of near Corder was here Monday.

Hy. Tibbencamp was in Kansas City Tuesday.

Hugh Shelby of Lexington was here Saturday.

Wesley Huddleston of Aulville was here Saturday.

Miss Pearl Roberts of Aulville was here Saturday.

Pascal Beamer of Blackburn was in town Saturday.

Clarence Vivion of Lexington was in town Wednesday.

Fletcher Groves and wife of Corder were here Monday.

Mr. Mrs. Blakely of Aulville was here Saturday.

C. P. Benton of Kansas City spent Sunday in this city.

Mrs. Lee Benton of Aulville was shopping here Saturday.

Joe Page of St. Louis is here with relatives for the holidays.

Arthur Breipohl of Kansas City is with home folks this week.

H. H. McDaniel returned Sunday morning from Racine, Wis.

Mrs. Will Barnes of Oklahoma is visiting A. Barnes and wife.

Roe Lawrence of Kansas City is the guest of friends in this city.

Walter Grau of Assumption, Ill. is visiting relatives in this city.

Miss Annie Tabb of Kansas City visited friends here Sunday.

J. L. Hitt and wife of Dover were Higginsville visitors Monday.

John Summers and wife of Alma were shopping here Saturday.

Prof. Phillips and Dr. F. W. Dailey of Mayview were here Sunday.

Miss Edith Barger of Eureka, Kan. is visiting her sister, Mrs. L. L. Lake.

Mabel Monroe and Bessie Mathews of Mayview were shopping here Monday.

John W. Willis, traveling salesman for Barton Bros. Shoe Co. is here this week.

Walter McPherson of Kansas City is visiting the family of Dr. E. V. Lobnett.

Mrs. M. Summers and daughters of near Alma were Higginsville visitors Saturday.

Lafayette Groves and wife of Corder visited Mrs. L. E. Hartman Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. L. L. Cassell and little son of Independence are visiting her mother Mrs. Dooley.

Mrs. J. W. Browning of Blackburn visited her parents A. Hickman and wife Tuesday.

Mrs. Will Griffith and children are visiting her sister, Mrs. Will Browning of Blackburn.

Miss Minnie Moore left Saturday morning to spend Xmas with relatives in Grand Pass.

The Misses Hartman entertained the "Round Robin Reading Circle" Saturday afternoon.

Miss Ida Beasley of Sweet Springs spent Wednesday with her brother, J. C. Beasley and wife.

M. T. Hartman came down from Kansas City Friday to spend the holidays with home folks.

Misses Laura Noyes and Mollie Peddicord are attending the Teachers' Association in Kansas City this week.

Arthur Knipmeyer who is attending the State University is spending the Xmas vacation with his parents Hy. Knipmeyer and wife.

Lotta Corder, who teaches in the Pichett College at Glasgow is spending the holidays with her sister Mrs. John Wilson of this city.

Edwin Meinershagen came in from Quincy, Ill. where he is attending college, Saturday morning to spend Christmas with his parents.

Mrs. J. C. Beasley and Mrs. Will Payne and their guests Mrs. A. A. Bonham and Mrs. Jennie Shone of Kansas City spent Thursday in Corder.

Mrs. Sam Downing left Tuesday evening for a visit with relatives in Shelbyville, Ill. She will also visit S. A. Vermillion and wife in Roodhouse, Ill. before her return.

The Christmas entertainments given at the different churches Tuesday and Wednesday evenings were all successes and many hearts were gladdened by Santa's remembrances.

Miss Mary McCollum returned to her home in Missouri City Tuesday morning after a two months' visit with relatives here. Her niece, Effie Craig, accompanied her home for a short visit.

Preparatory to moving Lay Gratz & Co. are slaughtering shoe prices. Cuts way below cost have been made. 12-111f

WELLINGTON AND VICINITY.

(BY LEALMA.)

Public schools close Friday.

W. M. Daek was in Lexington Monday.

Frank Carlisle had business in Lexington Monday.

Miss Reulah Boom was shopping in Kansas City Monday.

Dr. F. W. Mann and wife were in Lexington Saturday.

Henry Brinkman is clerking for R. L. Mann & Co. this week.

F. F. Moeller and wife ate Christmas turkey with her parents here.

J. A. R. Chamberlin of Greenton neighborhood was trading here Monday.

Oscar Westerman and mother spent Sunday last with relatives in Blackburn, Mo.

Mrs. Minnie Daniels and children of Kansas City, Mo. are the guest of Mrs. J. A. Emison.

A large number of men and ladies were engaged in the ice harvest Friday, Saturday and Monday.

Mrs. A. N. Woodard was up from Lexington Monday looking after her residence property here.

A large crowd attended the Christmas tree celebration at the German church Wednesday evening.

Mrs. W. M. Jackson and Miss Ethel Emison left Monday for a weeks visit with friends in Kansas City.

Mrs. M. M. Lockhart who has been visiting in Lexington for several days returned home Saturday evening.

Edgar Hamm came in Saturday from the Chillicothe Normal School to spend the holidays with his parents near town.

Chana Cole got in from Oklahoma one day last week and will likely remain here during the remainder of the winter.

Price Crutsinger and Henry Bordett went to Kansas City to get a Christmas gift for their respective sweethearts Monday.

E. J. Westerhouse arrived from Havana, Cuba, Wednesday for a few days stay with friends in and around Wellington.

Prof. George Chamberlin left Friday evening to enjoy the Christmas good things with the old folks near Greenton for the next week.

R. F. Mahony who moved with his family to Bates City about a year since came back Saturday and is glad to be a resident of Wellington once again.

Misses Delphia Dillinghaus and Susie Thomas and Walter Hoke, all from the Warrensburg Normal School are spending their Christmas vacation at home near town.

Among the many who left Christmas morning to spend the day with friends at a distance were Mayor W. J. Carpenter to Independence; Mrs. B. D. Ragland and Robert and Jackson Carter to Kansas City; A. F. Oberhelman and wife to Napoleon; William Tuepker Halls Station; G. W. Alunbaugh and family to Lexington township; George McVeey Sedalia.

Most any old thing at any ratio will do for a circulating medium when the powers that be favor it as was demonstrated to one or two of our gold standard merchants here a few days since when a hat full of lead pennies were raked out of the chewing gum slot machines hanging at the front door of this store and some of the good little boys about town say that the coins used did not effect the quality of the gum either.

George Stovall, living just across the river, opposite here, last Friday while trying to drive a shell that had been swelled by an over tight wad into his gun struck the cap with a pair of steel pinchers and an explosion followed fragments of the shell and wads cutting bruising and blowing grains of powder into his face and head; pieces of the shell cut one or two large holes in his heavy shirt front but fortunately did not strike the body. Dr. J. A. Mann dressed his wounds and he is doing well.

H. W. Carter was arrested by Deputy Constable J. F. Larkin Saturday and taken before J. A. Lockhart Esq. to answer to a charge of assaulting with intent to kill C. C. Braden on Friday, Dec. 16, 1901, and the case set for a preliminary on January 3, 1902. The complaint was made by Braden's wife, who claims that her husband was assaulted and struck on the head fracturing the skull with the butt end of a whip inflicting what may prove to be a fatal wound while on the road between Wellington and Waterloo but at this writing Braden is reported much better and able to be out once more.

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Married, December 25th, at the residence of her aunt, Mrs. Jacobs, near Taitesville, Ray county, Mo., Miss Liza Mattox, formerly of this city, to Mr. Wilbur Brown, the Rev. C. F. Arnold, of the Baptist church of Lathrop, officiating. They arrived Thursday morning to visit the bride's aunt, Mrs. Joe Bailey.

"Way Down East," which comes to the New Grand opera house on Thursday, January 2, the latest idyll of New England farm life, has furnished one of the most remarkable runs ever known in New York City. First at the Manhattan theatre for seven months and then to the great Academy of Music for 427 times.

If you want the finest and best fruit cake that can be made go to D. Haacker's Bakery and Candy Kitchen. 12-201f

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Letters of administration on the estate of Lucy Jackson, deceased, were granted to the undersigned on the 24th day of December, 1901, by the probate court of Lafayette county, Missouri.

All persons having claims against said estate are required to exhibit them for allowance to the administrator within one year after the date of said letters or they may be precluded from any benefit of such estate; and if such claims be not exhibited within two years from the date of said letters they will be forever barred.

This 24th day of December, 1901.

HENRY C. WALLACE, Administrator.

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SLOCKHOLDERS' MEETING.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Traders Bank for the purpose of electing Thirteen Directors to serve for the ensuing year, will be held at the banking house of said Traders Bank on

MONDAY, JANUARY 6TH, A. D. 1902.

Polls will be open from 10 a. m. to 2 p. m.

W. G. McCAULAND, President.

J. G. CHENSHAW, Secretary.

December 18, 1901

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